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having in their possession the pros. mer, will please hand them in du-Fr week.

dections in to-day's paper, as there printer can give ample testimony.

### TO THE PUBLIC.

Citizens-In presenting to you the first Par Lierois Puck Taaben," we recessity of saving a few words in gui-selves and the course we intend to the publication of this paper, Time les male it customary for individuals esponsibility of conducting a public a ke known to the public their views

occurs touching such questions as before them during their editorial ediesec to this custom, and from on of its necessity, we will proceed ge of that ditty bequire that a munity will give our continent; and sideration before condemning them; Hey fortunately meet their approbaan such favor as their merits may de-

casby of establishing and sustaining oper at this place, the undersigned one v to say one word. To doubt to would be to speak with disparage-ceting this high favored section of a cast repeach upon population who mished for their enterprise, virtue and the rapid and extensive improvement the flourishing condition of the surcountry-ind the meat natural re-mirection of Itinois are, of themselves

and advocate ard sustain their rights in trests. The demant energies of our oppire some means by which they may move to the vorld-The slumbering seath our soi require the "breath of well as them fromtheir inanimate position, e and usefulness-The husbandman, pur

his rious and toilsome avocation, de als fist his befor should meet with ample asation, and that the most favorable has for the disposition of his products presented-Our vist and extensive chair internal improvements, which are well olated more firmly to bement our bonds age of and add to our commercial greatness municipal cure of attention

ges of our country—the unsupassed our soil-our unequalled wate privie purpose of propelling alkinds of may for manufacturing purposes require sture and extent be madeknown to I order that their advantages be emimproved accordingly.

ote these several objects ogether with to encourage enterprise rid prosperity we the land, will be the logitimate aim of OIS FREE TRADER!

litical character of his paper, and we intend to purse in relation to the us which at this fime agitate the com at one end of the Union to the other o. not why to ourselves, but to the whom we they ourselves for support, to what we de on the highest good of the

briefly give an exposition,

trail at the present state of political exto us, almost an impossibility; and for of public sot hals to attempt to pleaopize the different elegent the mass of the people, is exally im-

cratic and White parties are distin riking aboracteristica, originating mertal of which they are com-Identified with the with the blessed endearments of reter: consisting chiefly

power of fluctuotion and exthink past experience for canning by the Lombard Jews, in 808, down to he present time, the system has been characterized by expansion at one time and contraction at another, and consequently ruin and distress follower in their train. In fact, the present sys on-its very nature and tendency-the enormous profits arising from its operations clearly shew fine such are its characteristic features.

of the danger to the liberties of this people from the creation of an imperium in imperio, we are opinion that such an institution would be of advantage; but we hope and trust that the American people are not entirely actuated by considemtions of convenience alone, and that they will pause and reflect before they take so rash a step. The language of every lover of his country should be "LIBERTY first, Convenience ofterwards," We should first effectually guard ourselves against the encrose hments of any power, foreign or domestic-rear an officient balwark around the institutions of our country, which cost the best blood of the heroes of the Revolution to bring into being, before we trust our rights in the hands of soulless corporations or money changers,

There who are honesty of opinion that we have nothing to fear from the creation of such an institution, and are convinced that no harm can result from its existence, but that good will follow at many inconveniences connected are, perhaps, led to this conclusion principally ration of the first No., of which from the belief that immediate and momentary reher will follow to the pecuniary embarrassments of the country, Priends beware! Trust it not! Ir may wear on its face the semblance of perfecion, and yet at the heart nourish a canker-worn which will gradually eat out the very vitals of our onstitution, and prostrate this now happy land at the footstool of foreign power and oppression.

> We hold that it is wrong in principle to re charter a National Bank. To confer power to a orporation having fifty or a hundred millions of dollars at its command-using the same at its pleasure and for such purposes as are likely to be the most advantageous to the institution, are, of themselves, sufficient reason in our opinion, that no such power should be delegated to any corporation or privileged class or community. "Mil-MONE for principle-xor ONE PHINCIPLE FOR convenience," should be the language of every man, independent of any party or influence.

> . With this brief outline of the objections against a National Bank; and this being the principal issue between the two great political parties in this section of the Union, we ask the indulgence of the Public for imroducing the subject at this place, assuring them that what we have said, are our honest sentiments; and such being the case, we have the independence to make them known,

With the qualifications of the different candidates for the Presidency, the public are acquainted. Their merits have veen discussed by after pens than ours. PRINCIPLES not MEN" is the motte we have adopted.

In Manrie Van Bruges we see office officient public office, and admire his centiments touching the establishment of a National Bank his heart, and are cherished as the best legacy they given their opinion of the character of this His desire to divorce the fiscal concerns of the government from banks-the firm and decided stand he has taken upon all occasions of imporance and responsibility-the independence he exercises respecting the power and influence of the banking institutions of our country, elearly thew, that his democracy is beyond suspicion,

As far as we are acquainted with the character of GES. H CRIRISON, we see nothing to censure as respects his honesty, or his standing as a man. With his individual views, respecting those im portant questions which now agitate the country rom one extremity to the other, we are not suffisently informed of, either to applaud or censure but taking it for granted that those who advocate and support his election express his sentiments relative to the some, we are, as lovers of our ountry and her institutions, in duty bound to nine our feeMe voice in opposition to them.

Of the milliony services of Gge, Hannison, a far as the same may go to influence the freemen of this Republic to cast their votes in his favor. we shall here say but little, viewing them as we do, entirely disconnected with the present issue between the two great political parties; and all attempts to throw a tinsel around the present contest, and hide the correct issue from the people by the parade of "log cabins" through our cities the exhibition of "cider barrels," and the chaunting of "Tippecanoe songs," we view species of buffoonery, rather calculated to excite feelings of pity than to be treated with serious consideration. To treat lightly pe feelings of an individual, who exposed his person in the tented field and endured the divations of a soldier, years, its growth was very slow, in consequence those services graft or small is either above or beneath our insquations.

With these brief remarks, respecting our hones opinies here expressed, we present the first num by of " The Illinois Free Trader" to the Public, hoping to receive an imparital decision before the bar of public opinion.

GEO. F. WEAVER, JOHN HISE. Ottawa, May 23, 1840.

## The Circuit Court

For this county commenced its May session on the 12th instant, with a large amount of business the Docket, and will adjourn to-day. A great number of causes, (about 200) have been dispose of, considering the importance of some of then and the length of time consumed in their investiention, and the incidental matters which usually occupy more or less of each day's proceedings.

er sent May term of our court, by an paparatory tone shally, two are weekly, and steps to become naturalized

### Political Discussion.

Our town has been thrown into an upossua legree of excitement during the sessid I the Circuit Court, by the discussion of the great

tical questions of the day. The discussion was opend by the Whig cham pion, Col. Henderson, of Stark county. Thi As a matter of convenience alone, independent speech was more remarkable for mildness, and eing free from party slang (so frequent among political speakers) than for any weighty arguments or sound reasoning. He was followed by Mr. Baker of Springfield, who attempted to dazzle and please his audience by his airy flights and lofty strides of imagination, rather than by appealing for deep -which after dropping down six feet to their reason.

Judge Cavalry replied in one of the most able and argumentative discourses that we have ever listened to. He candidly and fairly examined the great questions of the day, and showed most umphantly the correctness of the principles of the democratic party.

He was replied to by Mr. Dickey of Ottava. He amused his hearers by hi/ laughagainst democracy remoids us of the harmy who plation to construct a basin castwardly to Fox able anecdotes and comic stories. He speech

make the worse appear the bette reasons.

honor, and showd the deportatic party had not mighty and will prevail."

To We clip the above from a late number of the meneed at Pekin, Tazewell county, in this State; tore have fallen, in asserting that this paper, among their support, tile . of 6 therips the political ciers of the party" to from the country around, as all the roads centering tors of the Reporter for making this assection! subject to in adduce, on which can be traveled

offorts, should we devote them entirely to party made known to the Public, we have "shown our colors," and are villing that every man, friend or foe, should give them an impartial investigation is a Bigot, and he who dares not is a Slave."

and for other reasons, have but just began to be developed, and yet it neads not the eye of prephesy to discover, that at no distant day, it will become the seat of large manufacturing, commercial and messantile interests.

The town at the lowest estimate, contains about one thousand inhabitants, exclusive of the laborers on the canal;-composed mostly, of emi grants from New York and the New England states, with a small proportion from Pennsylvania

There are within the limits of the town, elever Dry goods stores, two Drug stores, four Hotels, eight Groceries, one Tin, Sheet iron, and Stove store one Hat manufactory, five Blacksmith shops three Tailor's, two Watch maker's, four Shoema ker's, one Cabinet maker's, two Carriage, and Waggon maker's, two Saddle and Harness Maker's, one Chair Factory, four Painters, there masons, one Gunstan A, twenty-five Currenters, and

The Illinois and Miel ran Canal, passes along exmetance was made known to our citizen, when SIMON KINNEY, Esqu. President. the northern limits of the town, and for about two search was made in the river for the supposed LAMN KING, Esq., Vice President. miles is one bundred fet wide; and a Feeder for- owner of the property. After a short examination Jumes Bradford. ty feet wide and for feet deep, which will be nave of the river, the body of Henry Carpenter was Beninnin Thompson, igable for ordinary sized canal bouts, commences found about two hundred yards from the place at Dayton, on Fox river, four miles from Ottawa, where the clothes and watch were discovered. and joins the main canal, at the north western Insanity is attributed as the cause of this act. The corner of the tyen. This will supply the canal deceased has left a wife and several children to with all the vater necessary for navigation, and mourn the loss of a husband and parent. besides, willfurnish a surplus water power to any . An inquest was held over the body by corone necessary etent. To facilitate the use of this P. J. True, and the verdict of the jury was that surplus viter, and to connect the main canal with "he came to his death by drowning." The Crops.

the Digois river, the state has authorized the construction of a side cut, ninety feet wide, and six inmediately after leaving the canal, by a lock, passes along the western side of the town, on level, to the second bank of the river, which is here about thirty feet above low, and fifteen feet above high water mark, where it again drops down to the level of the river, and continues in a direct line across the narrow bottom to its unction with the Illinois river. Afong this bank, and nearly at right angles with the side-cut, it is in contem-Mr. Coffing, of Pern, followed on he Whig side,

springs, and lakes of Wisconsin, where it rises.

to its confluence with the Illinois, runs with a

strong transparent current, affording hydraulies

power almost every mile, and watering some of

the towns on nevigable rivers.

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feet below the surface.

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the county.

ertile counties in the State, must

fluence and than other towns not possessing

this advantige, and must likewise command much

of that posion of trade, which from local causes

One consideration which is of great importance

to the heath and comfort of the inhabitants, should

In speaking of the geological advantages, it is

lent quality, can be obtained in almost every di-

rection, and within a short distance from the town.

to almost any extent. Good lime rock, such as is

used for building the aqueduct across Pox river.

s found within about two miles, and can be pro-

cured with but little expense. Sand and clay for

naking brick, abound in any quantity and of an

The county is now building a court house and

ail, at a cost of over twenty thousand dollars,

which when completed, will add much to the ap-

pearance of the town, and will be an ornament to

To the lovers of nature, the scenery around pre

ents almost unrivalled attractions. Seldom doc

the eye rest upon a combination of objects of such

around the place we have been describing. The

which is to be seen in more broken and mountain-

ous districts, and which fills the mind with aston-

ishment at the mighty energies of the Great Ar-

chitect of Nature, but it is such, as involuntarily

In drawing to a close, the water would remark

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only necessary to say, that stone coat or

would otherwise seek different channels.

and displayed considerable taet ' emiding the side-cut entirely, so, except the lock, to within main question at issue, and spot eloquently to few rods of the his bank, and it requires the expenditure of only fen or twelve thousand dollars. Mr. Dodge, the democratic fundidate for the and the labor of the force at present employed, for house, replied in a very able manner; unraveling about three months, to so far complete the work

the Whig sophistry, and exposing the fallacy of as to make the water power available for any purthe Whig doctrines. He appritted himself with pose, and to any required extent. The situation of the town is very pleasant, and been deceived when they elected him as their can. more healthy than any other on the Illinois river, didate. Gen. Turney / Lockport, closed the dis. though for the last two years the inhabitants have cussion, in a candid dispassionate manner. He suffered considerably, from bilious complaints set forth the truths of democracy, on the broad so prevalent in the western country. But this eternal basis upor which those truths rest. We was not owing so much to any social cause, as to are fully satisfies with the result. During the the extreme and unprecedented drought of the whole discussion, remocracy has stood the test, seasons. Town and country, suffered alike last and the principle appear like refiner's gold, the season. Ordinarily, there is but little to fear on purer and brigher the more they are examined, the score of health, as there is no stagmant water and Stephen Morey. Open and fair decussion is all we ask. "Truth is near the town, and the water drains off readily after rains. The two rivers, except immediately in cont of the town, run with a rapid, and them places, broken current, over a rocky or gravelly,

or The Circuit Court of Kane county com nences on Monday next.

## "The Tazewell Reporter."

"The present political contest, has the effect of ery much increasing the number of newspaper and perodicals in our own State, and in fact al over the Union; established for the SOLE PUR-POSE of furthering the political views of the parties to which they are attached. Materials for commencing a new paper at Ottawa, went up the river a few days ago, to be called the " Illinois Free Tader"-democratic in politics," &c. .

"Tazewell Reporter?" a neutral paper lately comand merely notice the extract here given, for the purpose of correcting an error into which the edi- interests, as to render any attempt to draw away others, is established for the WFOLE PURPOSE | This town is accessable at all seasons of the year,

The object of the establishment of this paper is not for the "SOLE PURPOSE of farthering the political views" of the party to which we belong. largest and rio We are not so vain as to suppose that our feeble purposes, are of sufficient moment to have any material influence, either for or against the party to which we belong; but seeving a neutral! paper -without "life or soul" -a shamed, or intimidated by fear to let the principles of its conductors be holding the sentiment that "he who cannot reason

Ottown Say water Few places in the west possess so many advanage, as the town whose name stands at the head of this article. Comparatively, it is yet in its in ancy; and its resources, for the want of capital

Ottown stands at the junction of the Fox riv er with the Illinois, at the head of steam boat nav gration, (except at low water,)-eighty miles south-west of the city of Chicago, and fifteen miles above the termination of the Illinois and Michigan Canal:-and is the sent of justice for Lasalle county. It was laid off by the Caral Comission ers, about ten years since. But for the first seven either in the capacity an officer or subaltern, be of the very sparse settlement of the country during that period, and most of the business was then confined to the south side of the Illinois river Within the last three years, however, and since the commencement of the public works, business has sought the north side of the river, and the population and business have increased more than one hundred per cent.

Ohio, Kentucky, and other western states.

but will rather tend to lessen than heighten the The speculations, in regard to its future pros country, whose trade must necessarily seek this market, is of inexhaustable fertility, must convince the reader that Ottawa, at no distant day, will occupy a prominent posts on among the numerous thriving cities and towns of the West.

We learn from a farmer on Fox River, that he coming crops are quite promising, particu- delegates from such precinct be autire uly the wheat crop, which our informant stat s to be much faither advanced this season than is usual at this period of the year.

T' Several articles intended for to-day's paper, have been unavoidably omitted.

Democratic District Convention. At a meeting of delegates of the demonocratic party from the counties of La Salle, Kane and De Kalb, at Ottawa, on the 12th day of May, 1840, in pursuance and De Kalb countes, for their acce f a call of the central corresponding com- at a Convention which is to be hold nittee, for the purpose of nominating a Geneva on the 27n day of May in andidate for Representative, the Hon. WM. STADDEN was called to the chair. and J. Otis Glover and Jno. R. Levings- calling the name & each member ton, Esqrs, were appointed secretaries. | convention, and flat each member

the following gentlemen presented their or written bollot, is be may prefer. eredentials, and took their seats. FROM THE COUNTY OF LA SALLE-

Brookfield Precinct-John Palmer and Geo. W. Armstrong.

Dayton-Wm. Stadden, Charles G. Miller and Wm. L. Donovan. Eastern-Walter Stowell, H. S. Misner, John S. Armstrong, Wm. P. Boyd

Lorain-David Crawford, John Hupp and H. Sweatland. .Ottawa-William E. Armstrong, L. Woodruff, M. Donohue, L. B. Delano, bed, and are very clear. The Fox particularly, Geo. H. Norris, H. J. Reed and Joseph mously select as the candidate for throughout almost its entire length, from the pure Hall,

South Ottawa-W. H. W. Cushman, . O. Glover and B. B. Reynolds. Troy Grove-Justin-Wixan, Asa Mann and Jason Gruley, ir.

the most beautiful and fertile portions of the state, Vermilian-Joel W. Armstrong, B. Ottawa possesses advantages for commerce and-C. Cook, Nelson Alverd and M. E. Hol- Link, Esq. as the Whig candidate to r trade with the surrounding country, which no ri- lister. al town can deprive henof. The Illinois, the Fox,

Western-Mr. McDermot, C. Charles. the Big Vermilion, together with their numerous M. Mott, Wm. Chumasero, W. Kennedy, tributaries, and also many large groves lying off J. McFanan and Z. Lowis.

from these streams, occupy such positions and FROM KANE COUNTYmaintain such relations with this town in their Elgin Precinct-Dr. J. Teff, John S. Calvert, Adam Mann and Colton Knox. citizen, L. W. Link. Esq., as afore St. Charles-Ira Minard. B. T. Hunt, then to meet with a proportionate nu. Wm. B. Plate and Joshua Wicks.

For River—J. R. Livingston, Win.
Thurds, J. L. Campbell and O. Dr. Hay.

The River of the control of the contro

Little and Big Rock-Fisher and Wm. Palmer. Bluckberry-Wm. B. West, David Ottawa being the scat of justice of one of the

Wheeler and D. W. Annis. FROM DE KALB COUNTY-

Kingston Precinct-Jonas Haight and Charles W. Branch. Kishwaukie-J. C. Kellogg and Amos

Sycamore-E. G. Jewell and L. D.

Ohio-Eli Barnes and Austin Hayden. not be lost sight of, and that is, the pure water which can be obtained in any part of the town, by Samanauk C. Potter and R. Woodsinking wells to the depth of from twenty-five to

Paw Paw-Eber N. John and Benj. thirty feet into a pure sand rock, which lies a few Harris. On motion it was resolved that the con-

After several ballotings, A R. Dodge, Esq. was found to have a majority of all he votes given, whereupon it was

Esq., be unanimously chosen as the candidate of the democratic party of this district for Representative.

Resolved. That a committee of five be hosen, to draft an address to the citizens of this Representative district Upon which the following gentlemen ere named as said committee-William Chumasero, M. E. Hollister, J. O. Glo-

er, M. W. Fletcher and C. G. Jewell. On motion rosolved, that the proceelings of this convention be published in by 8 P. M. Departs same days at 1 quiet and touching beauty, as are seen clustering the "Illinois Free Trader," Democrat" and "Juliet Courier." cenery is not of that bold and striking character

On motion resolved, that this convention do now adjourn. (Signed by the Officers.)

# Whig District Convention.

inspires the beholder with emotions of love and gratitude towards the benificent Being, who has made such a beautiful world for the habitation of 13th day of May, 1840, for the nomination of a candidate to be supported by the by 11 A. M, and departs same day it is that his aim has been to present hets, and not to Whigs of Kane, De Kalb and La Salle M. draw upon fancy, in order to embellish the picture. counties, at the approaching Election in August next, to represent the district in every Saturday by 12 M. and dear If any errors have crept in, they are such as will not materially effect the truth of the description, the State Legislature.

The meeting was called to order at 10 o'clock A. M. by the choice of SANUEL and returns every Saturday. McCarry, Esq., of Kane county, as chairsects, are based apon data herein presented, which, man, and William Haskell, of La Salle, Avoca to Danville, departs every other together with the fact, that the surrounding as Clerk.

A committee of three were chosen to following at 1PA. M. examine credentials of delegates, and a Persons sending letters Eest or South

Vice President and two Secretaries, meeting then adjourned to meet Post Office open on week days it again at one o'clock P. M.

Over a'cLOCK, P. M.

Which report was manin

The committee to examine codential made their report, from which it appeare that 75 persons were duly selected : members of this convention and emided seats as such, which report was upar

thoush accepted. Voted, That in case of absence of ar delegae from a precinct, the remain zed to fill such vacancy and hand in t names of persons so selected to the Sec

Residved unanimously, That where there are but few delegates in this contion from Kane county and none from Kalb, that we new proceed to se candidate to represent the district if State Legislature, which nomination be recommended o the Whigs of

Resolved. That he mode of proce in the selection of candidate be t On calling the names of the delegates, as his name is called either by the

The following persons were the commended by their respective frie said office, to wit: Allen P. Hu Caleb A. Buckingham, Lewis W and Geo. W. Helley, Esqrs., a a vote being taken the result was

Allen P. Hubbard had 5 vote Caleb A Buckingham 6 Lewis W. Link Geo. W. Halle

Whereupon was an animously ed, that Lewis . Link, Esq. be i resentative.

Resolve warmingly, That w quest the Whige of De Kalb and counties femcel in Convention at Gen on the 2th day of May inst., and quiesce in the nomination of Lewis resent this direct.

Resolved townimously, That ten gates be now chosen, whose duty it i be to attend said Consention of Whit Geneva, and if said meeting should acquieses in the nomination of our fe of delegates from said counties, an

Daniel F. Webster, T. L. Dickey Clark, Almon Ives, William A. Hie Churchill Coffin, Dr. John Heath, Dr. Stickel, E. K. Williams, Jos. W. Do

Voted that this committee have pe to fill all vacancies. Resolved, That Lewis W. Link, be invited to attend said convention at 6 neva, in company with our degates,

The business of the District Conve tion having been finished, it was then Resolved, That the county of La Salle by her Delegates present, nov proceed t select Whig candidates for the offices

Whercupon Downey Buchand W amously selected to Sho ENEZER NEEF, for County Communication Voted that when this convention

Sheriff and one County Commissions:

journ it do so to meet again in Springlick Resolved, That ABR. R. DODGE, on the 3d of day of June next. The Convention then adjourned. (Signed by the Officers.)

> POST OFFICE NOTICE. The contract time for the arrival castern mail from Chicago is daily, Saturdays, by 9 o'clock P. M. Der daily, except Sundays, at 3 o'clock Mail from the south west by the Black Partridge, Crow Meadow, Ma and Vermilionville arrives 3 times "Chicago by the way of Rome, Lacon, Henpir and Peru, every alternate day it the

same hours. Weekly mail up Fox River, via Lyon, Newark & Oswego to Naperville dearts every Wednesday at 6 o'clock A. I and arrives every Saturday by 5 P. M.

Agreeable to previous notice, a District Weekly mail up Fox River via lyon, convention was held at Ottawa on the Northville, Penntield, Bristol and Inora-

Weekly mail to Troy Grove arives same day at I P. M.

Weekly mail to Ausailles, goes out

Semi monthly moil, via Pontiae, and Thursday at 12 M. and arrives Thursday

committee of seven to select suitable per-sons to fill the following offices in this hour as possible, as the P. M. is author convention, to wit: one President, one isculte deliver the mail in anticipation the contract hour.

> ring buishess hours. On F days from to 10 o'clock A. M. & fo. 10 9 P. F HOLLS JR, P. N.